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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT RECEIVES GUINEA-BISSAU AMBASSADOR

1. TUESDAY, MAY 7, PRESIDENT TOLBERT RECEIVED CREDENTIALS OF GUINEA-BISSAU AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRE NUNES COURREIRA AT EXECUTIVE MANSION. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS STATE THAT GUINEA-BISSAU AMBASSADOR SAID IT WAS A GREAT HONOR AND JOY FOR HIM TO BE APPOINTED AND THANKED PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND PEOPLE OF LIBERIA FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE AND CONTAINED MANY REFERENCES TO COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM. PRESIDENT SAID "WE HAVE AN EQUAL RECORD OF STRUGGLES AGAINST THE FORCES OF COLONIALISM" AND ADDED "IN SAME WAY WE FEEL THAT SUCCESS OF STRUGGLE BY GUINEA-BISSAU TO OVERTHROW COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM AND ALIEN DOMINATION IS AN EXAMPLE WORTHY OF EMULATION BY OUR BROTHERS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE HIGHEST COMMENDATION FOR ALL MEN."

3. REGARDING RECENT COUP IN PORTUGAL TOLBERT SAID "IT IS ASTOUNDING AND DISTURBING TO SAY THE LEAST THAT THE NEW REGIME (IN PORTUGAL) SHOULD EXPECT THE PEOPLES IN THEIR AFRICAN TERRITORIES AFTER SUCH A LONG, BITTER AND BLOODY STRUGGLE TO

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ACCEPT ANYTHING SHORT OF COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE." HE ADDED,

POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANTLY, "HONORABLE RECONCILIATION BASED ON
JUSTICE CAN SOLVE PROBLEMS WHEN CONFRONTATION HAS FAILED AND
CALLED FOR COMPLETE SELF-DETERMINATION WITH FULL INDEPENDENCE
BASED ON FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS."
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